

# SENATE WATCH

A summary of today's Senate actions; published daily when the Senate is in session.

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# CONFERENCE REPORTS

# SB 1062 (Johnson)

# Community Colleges budget

• The Senate adopted the conference report to SB 1062 [RC 619: 35 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the report.

# SB 1066 (Johnson)

# Environmental Quality budget

• The Senate adopted the conference report to SB 1066 [RC 628: 33 yes, 1 no (Patterson)]. Immediate Effect was given to the report.

#### **SB 1067 (Johnson)**

#### Higher Education budget

• The Senate adopted the conference report to SB 1067 [RC 620: 33 yes, 1 no (Patterson)]. Immediate Effect was given to the report.

#### SB 1068 (Johnson)

#### Natural Resources budget

• The Senate adopted the conference report to SB 1068 [RC 629: 34 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the report.

#### **HB 5516 (Shulman)**

#### Family Independence Agency budget

• The Senate adopted the conference report to HB 5516 [RC 615: 34 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the report.

# HB 5519 (Shulman)

History, Arts and Libraries budget

• The Senate adopted the conference report to HB 5519 [RC 630: 30 yes, 5 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the report.

## HB 5520 (Shulman)

Judiciary budget

• The Senate adopted the conference report to HB 5520 [RC 616: 35 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the report.

## HB 5521 (Shulman)

Labor and Economic Growth budget

• The Senate adopted the conference report to HB 5521 [RC 627: 33 yes, 1 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the report.

#### HB 5522 (Shulman)

Military Affairs budget

• The Senate adopted the conference report to HB 5522 [RC 617: 35 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the report.

# HB 5526 (Shulman)

State Police budget

• The Senate adopted the conference report to HB 5526 [RC 618: 32 yes, 2 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the report.

# MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

#### **SB 1124 (Stamas)**

SB 1124 would permit the State Administrative Board to convey property located in the City of Alpena in Alpena County under the control of the Department of State Police, and property in York Township in Washtenaw County under the control of the Department of Community Health and known as the Ypsilanti Regional Psychiatric Hospital.

• The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 1124 [RC 632: 25 yes, 9 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

#### **HB 5876 (Sheen)**

HB 5876 is part of a package of bills to dismantle barriers to job creation and establishes the principle of certainty and governmental accountability. The bills would establish a maximum processing time for business

permits and provides an incentive for government to act. This would help provide certainty for new, existing, and expanding businesses.

• The Senate concurred with the House changes to HB 5876 [RC 614: 34 yes, 0 no].

# FINAL PASSAGE

#### SB 1103 (Johnson)

SB 1103 increase the amount of sales tax collections earmarked to the General Fund and reduce the amount earmarked to the Comprehensive Transportation Fund (CTF). Under this bill, in FY 2004-05 only, the CTF share would be reduced by \$10 million to \$58.1 million, and the General Fund share would be increased by \$10 million.

- Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted.
- SB 1103 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- SB 1103 passed with IE [RC 622: 35 yes, 0 no].

#### **SB 1104 (Johnson)**

SB 1104 would enact the Governor's 2004-05 recommendation to alter the distribution of revenue sharing payments to cities, villages, and townships. Under the recommendation, in 2004-05 each city, village, and township would receive the same combined total of statutory and constitutional revenue sharing payments that the local unit received during 2003-04.

- Committee 1 (S-4) was adopted.
- SB 1104 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- SB 1104 passed with IE [RC 623: 32 yes, 3 no].

#### SB 1105 (Johnson)

SB 1105 would create a new formula for calculation of payments in lieu of taxes to local units of government for land owned by the Department of Natural Resources and to combine the payments with the February payments for statutory revenue sharing. This would lessen payments by the state to local communities by some \$2.8 million in the next year. Payments would also be decreased in the following years.

- Committee 1 (S-4) was adopted.
- SB 1105 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- SB 1105 passed with IE [RC 624: 33 yes, 1 no (Stamas)].

# **SB 1146 (EMERSON)**

SB 1146 would remove the sunset on the Quality Assurance Assessment (QAAP) for: freestanding surgical outpatient facilities; hospitals; nursing homes, county medical care facilities and hospital long-term care units, and non-governmentally owned nursing homes.

- Stamas 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- SB 1146 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- SB 1146 passed with IE [RC 631: 34 yes, 1 no].

#### SB 1323 (Johnson)

SB 1323 would allow the Lottery Commission to contract with one or more persons to allow the placement of advertising or promotional material on lottery tickets. The Lottery Bureau has estimated that selling advertising space on lottery tickets and Club Keno video monitors could generate an additional \$7.9 million in revenue for the State School Aid Fund.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- Garcia 1A was withdrawn.
- SB 1323 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- Garcia 1 (1 amend) was adopted [no RC]. This would prohibit alcohol advertising.
- SB 1340 passed with IE [RC 625: 30 yes, 4 no].

## SB 1340 (SWITALSKI)

Under SB 1340, any stock, share, or other intangible ownership interest in a business association would be presumed abandoned if, for more than three years, the owner had not claimed a dividend, distribution, or other sum payable as a result of the interest, or had not communicated with the association regarding the interest or amount payable; and the association did not know the owner's location at the end of the three-year period. The bill would generate a one-time boost in revenue from unclaimed property of \$8.0 million, which would go into the General Fund/General Purpose budget.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- SB 1340 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- SB 1340 passed with IE [RC 621: 35 yes, 0 no].

#### HB 5313 (Pumford)

HB 5313 allows municipalities and other public agencies to sell forestry land previously conveyed from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) with a clause that the land will revert to the DNR when it is no longer used for forestry purposes.

- Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted.
- HB 5313 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- HB 5313 passed with IE [RC 626: 34 yes, 0 no].